

**Legal Notice for Objections Filed under 36 CFR 219  
for Forest Plan Amendments  
Management Areas R1/N1 and Big Game Security  
Forest Service  
Lincoln Ranger District  
Helena National Forest**

The Helena National Forest has received objections to its proposed Management Area R1/N1 and Big Game Security (standard 4a) amendments to the 1986 Forest Plan. In accordance with the requirement found at 36 CFR 219.56(f), the responsible official shall publish notice of all objections in the newspaper of record and on-line. The Responsible Official is William Avey, Forest Supervisor for the Helena National Forest. The analysis for these proposed amendments, Management Area R1/N1 and Big Game Security, is document within the Blackfoot Travel Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The Big Game Security Forest Plan Amendment for the Blackfoot Travel Planning Area proposes to replace the existing big game security standard 4(a) in the Forest Plan with a new standard. This new standard would only apply to National Forest System lands within those portions of an elk herd unit within the Helena National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District boundary (approximately 265,000 acres). The Big Game Security Amendment received 12 objections from the following individuals and organizations: Andy Skinner, Tiffany Shotnokoff, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Capital Trail Vehicle Association, Tyson O'Connell, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Lincoln Restoration Committee, Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Native Ecosystem Council, Western Environmental Law Center *on behalf of* Helena Hunters and Anglers, Clancy-Unionville Citizens Task Force, Helena Hunters & Anglers Association, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association, and Great Falls Bike Riders Association.

The amendments for Management Area N1 (Granite Butte proposed Research Natural Area) and Management Area R1 (Nevada Mountain) propose to modify the Forest Plan language to allow management of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail #440 as a non-motorized trail in T13N, R7W, Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Management Area N1 and management of the Helmville-Gould trail #467 as a motorized trail in T13N, R7W, Section 33 and ending in T13N, R8W, section 3 of management area R1. The R1/N1 Amendment received 8 objections from the following individuals and organizations: Andy Skinner, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Capital Trail Vehicle Association, Tyson O'Connell, Montana Wilderness Association, Montana High Divide Trails, Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Native Ecosystem Council, and Western Environmental Law Center *on behalf of* Helena Hunters and Anglers.

A copy of this notice and the objections are posted on the Helena National Forest website. They can be accessed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/helena/landmanagement/projects>.

Those interested in participating in a meeting to discuss issues raised in these objections must file a request to participate in the objection process within 10 days of this notice. A resolution

meeting will be scheduled with those who objected and those interested in participating in the resolution meeting immediately following this file period. Unless the time is extended (36 CFR 219.56(g)) the reviewing officer will issue a written response to the objections within 90 days. To request participation in the objection meeting you may send your request via mail, express delivery, or messenger service to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807); FAX to (406) 329-3411; email to [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us); or by hand-delivery (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays at USDA Forest Service, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT 59807. An automated response will confirm the electronic "request to attend" has been received. Electronic requests must be submitted in MS Word, Word Perfect, or Rich Text Format (RTF). The subject line for electronic objections should contain the name of the plan amendment.